



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG NEW CITY

# NEWSLETTER

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## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

## MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OBV in Binh Dinh 27 November – 01 December
- Christmas Charity Fair 08th December
- Christmas and New year break 18 Dec 23 – 01 Jan 24
- The first semester exam from 01st Dec 2023 to 14th Dec 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

Early December is a busy and exciting time for both students and teachers at SIS@BDNC.

Students are preparing for their semester 1 examinations and the school's Christmas Charity Fair will be celebrated on the second Friday before we break for Christmas holidays.

Please refer to the following highlighted areas.

### 1. Semester 1 examinations

Semester 1 examinations for all grades from years 2 to 12 will be held in the last two weeks before the Christmas holidays which begin on December 18, 2023.

Parents are encouraged to check the information already communicated regarding the TOS, Table of Specifications which outlines the examination subjects and the units covered that will be in the examinations.

An examination timetable has also been shared.

For further communication or understanding of any of these areas please contact your child's classroom teacher.

### 2. Christmas Charity Fair

SIS@BDNC will celebrate the Christmas Charity Fair on Friday afternoon and night on December 8, 2023.

Come along to what will be a wonderful school community celebration.

Lots of Christmas inspired food, music and games.

I believe even Santa will pay us a visit. Why not have a photo with Santa?

Communication and news about the Christmas Charity Fair will go home soon.

### 3. Christmas and New Year holidays.

SIS@BDNC will close on December 18, 2023, for the Christmas and New Year school holidays.

School will open after New Years Day on January 2, 2024

Please help us spread the good news.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a safe, Merry Christmas and the happiest of new year's.

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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## **PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

Dear parents,

With only a few weeks left until the Christmas break, it is time for our last monthly newsletter for the first semester.

It has been a very busy month. Academically, the focus was mainly on covering the work students will be assessed on during the exam. The revision week will start soon. We have high expectations for our students for this exam, so we expect them to prepare well. A big thank you to every parent and teacher for supporting our students to be prepared for the exam.

Vietnamese Teachers' Day was celebrated on the 20th of November. It was a wonderful day and we had a great atmosphere at school. The theme was "My teacher, my hero". Some of our students entertained us with their dances and songs. Teachers warmly welcomed the kind messages and good wishes from students and their parents. Sometimes, a little note from a student, in their own handwriting, really makes a teacher feel special. On behalf of every primary teacher, I would like to say thank you to every student and parent for their loyalty, kindness, and appreciation during the annual Teachers' Day.

Currently, we have a few charity drives running at school. "Save the bears", the "Food Drive" and "Christmas Charity Fair" are ways in which we reach out to our community to help and support those who really need it. Thank you so much for the donations we have already received.

I wish everyone all the best for the last few weeks of semester one. Take a good rest during the Christmas break and spend some quality time together.

Kind and best regards

Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies Primary



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## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Students, Parents, and Teachers,

As we approach the end of Semester 1, it's crucial to acknowledge the significant events that have shaped our recent months here at SIS Binh Duong. Before delving into the imminent MOET exams and the academic focus of this period, let's take a moment to reflect on three remarkable events that brought our school community together.

The first event, Halloween, was a spirited event organized by our Student Council. During the planning of this event, they learned essential lessons in responsibility, initiative, and organization. The highlight of the celebration was the vibrant dress-up and "fashion show," where participants showcased their creativity, earning well-deserved prizes. Additionally, Block A students enjoyed an afternoon of fun at Block B, engaging in classroom rotations, games, and the beloved tradition of trick-or-treating, collecting Loads of candy along the way.

Another memorable experience was the Outward-Bound camp in Ha Long Bay, where our Year 9s and IGCSE 1 students spent an enriching week. Reports indicate not only moments of joy and adventure, but also valuable lessons learned through extensive walks and shared experiences.

Moreover, the celebration of Teachers' Day showcased the beautiful Vietnamese tradition of honoring educators. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all students and parents for their generous gifts, heartfelt letters, and kind acknowledgments on this special day. Your appreciation means a lot to us.

As we gear up for the exams, scheduled to commence on December 4th for Integrated students and December 8th for the rest of the school, it's imperative that we prepare diligently. The exam schedules have been shared with students and sent to parents for your convenience. To further aid in exam readiness, Tutorial Week will take place from December 4th to 7th, providing an opportunity for students to engage with teachers for general reviews and clarifications.

I urge all students to take advantage of Tutorial Week and utilize this crucial time for revision and clarification of doubts. Best wishes to each student for their upcoming examinations. Remember, your hard work and dedication will pave the way for your success.

Let's continue to support and motivate each other during this vital period, knowing that together we can achieve greatness.

Best wishes

Ms. Lizelle MacLachlan

Head of Studies (Secondary)



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## INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

November is the month of gratitude. All students sent their teachers good wishes and deep gratitude for teaching them. The students are working so hard for the final exam of semester 1. We wish that all students would get high result. Teachers have taken many photos to keep the great learning time of each class. Please see the below photos. It seems that Christmas time is here once again, and it is time again to bring in the New Year. May your Christmas be filled with special moments, warmth, peace, and happiness, and wishing you a year of happiness.

Ms. Kim Tri

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## STEM UPDATE

Dear Parents,

So far in Term 2, our STEM program has focused on robotics using mTiny, Codey Rocky, Ukit, and Neuron kits.

Our students are actively engaged in the Binh Duong coding and Smart City competitions, showcasing their coding skills and innovative ideas for Binh Duong New City.

Their creativity knows no bounds! They've developed impressive robotics projects and devised solutions for a smarter, sustainable city.

Sending our best wishes to our competition participants! Their dedication and innovation make us proud.

Warm regards,

Jolin Richardson

STEM Coordinator



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## STUDENT COUNCIL

### **Teacher's Day**

SIS Binh Duong New City's Teachers' Day was held with great success. Our special assembly had an opening speech from our principal, Mr. Mark Priddis, followed along with a gift - giving session for all of our staffs, who contributed to make who we are today. We had spectacular performances from our students to pay gratitude for our teachers, including dances, singing and an activity for students and teachers to play cooperatively. We had great bonding time with each other and once again, we would like to thank all of the teachers and staffs for leading us to the right path and inspire us to be become better versions of ourselves every day.

### **Our Project**

Our student council members have recently started on a long-term project, aiming to improve the school's environment. As a starting point, we decided to create a suggestion box to collect ideas and opinions from students. There will be one in the canteen of Block B and another in the office of Block A. Suggestions will be opened by the 27th of November until the 19th of January. With the help and support of all the students, we will do our best to provide a better environment for the students, teachers, and personnel.

### **Free the Bears**

This year, our school is holding a charity which proceeds will all go to Free the Bears. Free the Bears is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to protect the lives of bears all around the world. They work with schools and communities to raise awareness of wildlife threats. Students were each given a raffle sheet where they sell tickets which proceeds will all go to Save the Bears. After the school holidays in December, there will be a drawing which will determine the lucky winner! Prizes for the winners include a phone projector, 3D pen, and many more!

Kind regards!

Michelle Lau



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The background of the lower half of the page is a vibrant, close-up photograph of a Christmas tree. It features various ornaments, including a large silver one with red and white patterns, a gold one, and a red one. Warm, glowing lights in shades of yellow and orange are scattered throughout, creating a bokeh effect. The overall atmosphere is warm and celebratory.

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